

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and only inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**1 α -Hydroxyvitamin D₃, Its Synthesis and
Use in Cancer Prevention and Therapy**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any amendments thereto.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119, of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Priority Claimed

(none)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, section 120 of any United States application listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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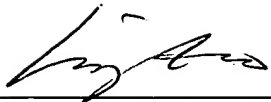
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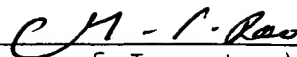
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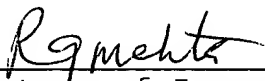
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SERIAL NO.:)
FILED:)
FOR: 1 α -HYDROXYVITAMIN D₅, ITS)
SYNTHESIS AND USE IN CANCER)
PREVENTION AND THERAPY)

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b)) -- INDEPENDENT INVENTORS**

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Sir:

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention titled 1 α -HYDROXYVITAMIN D₅, ITS SYNTHESIS AND USE IN CANCER PREVENTION AND THERAPY described in the specification filed herewith.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or are under obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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entitlement to small entity status prior to paying or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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